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SUBJ: CHINA HIGHLIGHTS NO. 17

1. CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY STRESSED
RECENT ARTICLES IN THE PRC'S OFFICIAL ARMY NEWSPAPER SUGGEST
THAT POOR PERFORMANCE IN MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISES AND
INSUFFICIENT CIVILIAN CONTROL OVER THE MILITARY ARE STILL
TROUBLING CHINESE LEADERS. PUBLISHED BY LIBERATION ARMY DAILY
IN MAY BUT MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH BROADCASTS OVER PEKING RADIO
ONLY THIS WEEK, THE COMMENTARIES:
-- IMPLIED THAT PRC LEADERS ARE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT ALL
LEVELS OF THE MILITARY HIERARCHY AND WILL RESTAFF MANY OF
THESE ORGANIZATIONS;
-- STATED THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT GIVEN A SPECIFIC
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MILITARY RESPONSIBILITY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE
WITH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND;
-- CALLED FOR UPGRADING SPECIALIZED MILITARY ACADEMIES
TO MORE ADEQUATELY COPE WITH "MODERN WARFARE";
--EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN PARTY CONTROL OVER
THE ARMY THAT WAS WEAKENED BY THE "GANG OF FOUR".
APPARENTLY IN SOME AREAS -- MOST RECENTLY IN ANHWEI PROVINCE --

CIVILIAN PARTY CONTROL OVER LOCAL ARMY UNITS REMAINS A PROBLEM.
THE COMMENTARIES ALSO BLUNTLY WARNED THAT TROOPS CANNOT BE
TRANSFERRED WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION OF THE CCP
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND ITS MILITARY COMMISSION.

2. STATISTICAL CONFERENCE REVEALS FABRICATION OF PRODUCTION DATA
A CONFERENCE ON STATISTICAL WORK RECENTLY HELD IN SHENYANG
REVEALS THAT FOLLOWERS OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" HAD BEEN DIS-
HONEST IN REPORTING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WITHIN THE PROVINCE.
THE CONFERENCE, WHICH IS PROBABLY PART OF A NATIONWIDE
CAMPAIGN, WAS APPARENTLY CONVENED TO REVIEW EARLIER STATISTI-
CAL REPORTING AND ESTABLISH NEW TARGETS IN LINE WITH THE
GOALS OF THE TACHING INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE. CHARGES OF
FABRICATING PRODUCTION DATA HAVE NOT BEEN LIMITED TO LIAONING.
ONE OF THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE FORMER KANSU LEADERSHIP WAS
THAT THEY HAD BEEN GUILTY OF FABRICATING AGRICULTURAL DATA
WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE "GANG OF FOUR". THE
ACCUSATIONS ARE REMINISCENT OF THOSE WHICH FOLLOWED THE
GREAT LEAP WHEN KEY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHOU EN-LAI,
ADMITTED THAT GROSS EXAGGERATIONS IN STATISTICAL REPORTING
HAD OCCURRED AND ANNOUNCED A DOWNWARD REVISION OF PRODUCTION
CLAIMS.
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